ABSTRACT

A pleomorphic inflatable device that first helps the victim through the need for corrective turning during water entry by placing buoyancy high on the chest optimizing corrective turning. After the victim is stabilized face up the bladder then can be reconfigured to provide incremental improvements in freeboard and surface positioning. The bladder can be removed and converted into a distress marker to signal a rescuer and mark the victim's location. The buoyancy of the marker can also be converted into a fully submerged bladder providing optimal freeboard to assist scanning for other vessels while enhancing lateral stability that supports a Heat Escape Lessening Posture position. If the seaway is growing increasingly rough the bladder can be reconfigured to once again prioritize corrective turning over vertical freeboard.